

Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site www.tnstateparks.com/events.)

March

- thru Mar 31** **Reelfoot Lake State Park.** Bald Eagles & Water Fowl Tours. Take a two-hour naturalist-guided bus tour to view Bald Eagles in their natural habitat. Info: 1-800-250-8617.
- 4-7** **Nashville.** 21st Edition of the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show. Held at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, the event includes a series of 20 free lectures by expert horticulturists and garden designers as well as 259 exhibit booths of garden related items and 20 live gardens created by professional landscape designers. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$9 for Senior Citizens. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. each day. Info: 615-876-7680.
- 5-7** **Cookeville.** Upper Cumberland Home & Garden Show. The show takes place at Hyder-Burks Agricultural Pavilion. Info: 931-528-7472.
- 10-14** **Pigeon Forge.** 16th Annual Mountain Quiltfest. Quilters and crafters from across the U.S. gather for more than 70 classes and seminars. Info: 1-800-251-9100.
- 13, 27 & April 10** **Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park.** Spring Wildflower Hikes. Explore the park's Bunkham Cave Trail for blooming spring wildflowers on a ranger-led hike. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 20** **Edgar Evins State Park.** Annual Waterfall Tour. Take a van ride to visit area waterfalls with the Friends of Edgar Evins, event co-sponsors. Reservations are required and the fee is \$10 per person. Info: 1-800-250-8619 or 931-858-2446.
- 26-27** **Memphis.** The Memphis Area Master Gardeners 6th Annual Spring Fling. Held at the Red Barn in the Agricenter, this event includes two days of speakers, demonstrations, educational information, vendors, and more. Event hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. Info: 901-752-1207.
- 27** **Murfreesboro.** Stones River National Battlefield presents a symposium entitled "The Legacy of Stones River: Why They Fought." The event includes guest speakers and battlefield programs that explore why soldiers volunteered for their respective causes. Info: 615-893-9501.
- 27-28** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Living History Militia Muster at Fort Watauga. Re-enactors depict the Transylvania Purchase of March 1775 (235 years ago) when Cherokee delegates met with Judge Richard Henderson to conduct the largest land transaction in North American history. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 27 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on March 28. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 27 and April 3** **Norris Dam State Park.** Annual Wildflower Hikes. Join a naturalist-led wildflower hike to see the spring array of wildflowers. Learn about more about natural history, plant identification and folklore of the spring wildflowers. Info: 865-426-7461.

April

- 3** **Townsend.** Herb and Wildflower Day at the Townsend Visitor Center. The Smoky Mountains are home to more than 1,500 kinds of flowering plants blooming March-October. Learn more about wildflowers and herbs and their practical and medicinal uses. Event hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: 865-448-6134.
- 10** **Edgar Evins State Park.** A free annual celebration of spring featuring birding and wildflower identification walks and pontoon boat rides for children over three years of age accompanied by an adult. Info: 1-800-250-8619 or 931-858-2448.
- 10** **Piney Flats.** Woolly Day at Rocky Mount Museum and Living History Site. Revisit the 18th century where winter has past for the Cobb family, original settlers who built their two-story log home prior to the Revolutionary War. The event includes activities related to springtime on a farm including gardening. Hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for ages five and older. Info: 423-538-7396.
- 10** **Johnson City.** 7th Annual Andre Michaux Day at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site. This event honors Andre Michaux, the French botanist of the 1700s, who traveled through Northeast Tennessee and stayed with Col. John Tipton in the spring of 1795 and 1796. Info: 423-926-3631.
- 10-11** **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** 29th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. A variety of hikes and workshops will be on the agenda, all celebrating spring wildflowers. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 10-11** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Living History Militia Muster at Fort Watauga. Re-enactors forge a new government, the Watauga Association, an important precursor to American liberty. Event hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 10 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 11. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 16-17** **Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Star Party 2010. Profession and amateur astronomers will be giving presentations and dark sky field viewings will be on Friday and Saturday nights. Info on event: mistal@bellsouth.net or visit the Web site www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org. Info on Tennessee State Parks special package inn deal: 1-800-250-8610.

- 16-18 Warriors' Path State Park.** Spring Nature Festival. This event features seminars taught by professionals and hikes guided by trained naturalists. Topics include spring wildflowers, tracking, astronomy, stream life, local geology, spring trees and more. Info: 423-239-6786.
- 16-18 Standing Stone State Park.** 7th Annual Standing Stone Spring Naturalist Rally. This free event includes field trips led by experts, interpretive hikes, presentations, workshops, youth programs and activities, all designed to make ecology understandable for everyone. Info: 931-823-6347.
- 17 Murfreesboro.** Stones River National Battlefield. National Park Week volunteer project. Volunteer to improve this national park. Info: 615-893-9501.
- 21-24 Benton.** 52nd Annual Polk County Ramp Tramp Festival. Join in to celebrate the ramp at the Polk County 4-H Camp, Camp McCroy. Info: 423-338-4503.
- 21-25 Gatlinburg.** 60th Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage. This annual five-day event includes a variety of wildflower, fauna, and natural history walks; photographic tours; art classes; indoor seminars and more. Most programs are held outdoors in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Info: www.springwildflowerpilgrimage.org.
- 24 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area.** Landscape Seminar, Plant Auction and Community Plant Exchange. Individuals are encouraged to bring in cuttings and potted plants to swap while also meeting other gardeners and increasing their plant collection. The plant exchange is scheduled for 9 a.m.-10 a.m. An array of native perennials, trees and shrubs will be offered during the auction portion of the event set from 9 a.m.-noon. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 24 Murfreesboro.** Stones River National Battlefield's Battle of the Bands. Area school bands will play Civil War songs starting at 10 a.m. Info: 615-893-9501.
- 24-25 Murfreesboro.** Stones River National Battlefield's Junior Ranger Day. Special programs for young visitors are planned. Info: 615-893-9501.
- 30-May 1 Townsend.** 18th Annual Spring Festival and Old Timer's Day at Townsend Visitors Center. Learn more about Appalachian culture and hear some bluegrass music at this free event. Event hours are 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Info: 865-448-6134.
- 30-May 2 Cedars of Lebanon State Park.** Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Wildflower Festival. Hike and observe the rare plants of the cedar glades. Bird watch, go caving beneath the glades and listen to experts talk about this unique ecosystem. Info: 615-443-2770.

May

- 1 Nashville.** 24th Annual Mill Creek Clean Up. Volunteer to help clean up Mill Creek with the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association. Info: www.paddletsra.org.
- 7-9 Roan Mountain.** 52nd Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists' Rally. The event plans include dinner, flower hikes, salamander hikes, bird watching, guest speakers, night sky and more. Programs are led by the Friends of Roan Mountain. Info: www.friendsofroanmt.org.